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DAVID TUCKER/DAYTONA BEACH NEWS JOURNAL/AP

**JUNIOR ASCENDANT:** Dale Earnhardt Jr. and his crew cheer his victory in the rain-delayed Busch Series race in Daytona Beach, Fla., on Monday. The triumph came just one day after his victory in the Daytona 500, the Super Bowl of NASCAR. ♣ **On a roll:** Earnhardt revels in his wins | Page 10

## Quick Tempers, Quick to Smoke

WASHINGTON | If you're easy to anger, you might be especially susceptible to nicotine.

Scientists using powerful scanners have found that nicotine triggers dramatic bursts of activity in certain brain areas — but only in people prone to anger and aggression, not more cheerful, relaxed types.

It's the first biological evidence that people with certain personality traits are more likely to get hooked if they ever experiment with cigarettes.

And it may help explain why it's easier for some people to quit the habit than others, says

psychiatrist Steven Potkin of the University of California, Irvine, who led the study.

It's almost, he says, as if some people are born to smoke. Other scientists won't make that leap, noting that it's not clear how much of a person's personality is genetic and how much stems from childhood environments.

The study has important implications for teenagers in particular. Adolescents are prone to periods of aggression before parts of the brain that control impulse and behavior finish forming — and smokers almost universally pick up the habit as teens. LAURAN NEERGAARD (AP)

## U.S. Balks At Islamic Iraqi Rule

Bremer says religion will not be at center of constitution

BAGHDAD, IRAQ | Iraq's U.S. administrator suggested he would block any move by Iraqi leaders to make Islamic law the backbone of an interim constitution.

During a visit to a women's center in Karbala, administrator L. Paul Bremer said the current draft of the interim constitution, due to take effect at the end of this month, would make Islam the state religion and "a source of inspiration for the law," but not the main source for that law.

However, Mohsen Abdel-Hamid, the current president of the Iraqi Governing Council and a Sunni Muslim hard-liner, has proposed making Islamic law the "principal basis" of legislation.



Bremer

Iraqi women's groups fear that could cost them the rights they hold under Iraq's long-time secular system, especially in such areas as divorce, child support and inheritance.

Bremer was asked what would happen if Iraqi leaders wrote into the interim charter that Islamic Shariah law is the principal basis of legislation.

"Our position is clear," Bremer replied. "It can't be law until I sign it." Bremer must sign all measures passed by the 25-member council before they can become law.

Under U.S. plans, a permanent constitution would not be drawn up and voted on by the Iraqi people until 2005. ROBERT H. REID (AP)

♣ **Continued bloodshed:** Roadside bombs kill two U.S. soldiers in separate incidents | Page 6

**POLITICS | Split Decision** A West Virginia House of Delegates leader has introduced a bill that would make it more difficult for people to speak with forked tongues. The measure proposed by House Majority Leader Rick Staton would make it a crime to split a tongue, unless it is done by a

physician. Medical professionals say tongue splitting can cause excessive bleeding, infection and nerve damage, among other problems. Those doing it say they like the look; it's attention-grabbing, and they can move both sides of the tongue independently. (AP) **EyeOpeners** | Page 2

# EyeOpeners

## LANDMARKS

### Porker Problem

Rick Ivey is big on his pig. He's got a giant fiberglass pig over his barbecue place on Route 1 in Stafford County, Va. But county officials want to give the porker the boot. Ivey has been given a month to remove the swine or face a fine. Stafford Supervisor Kandy Hilliard likes the food at the Virginia Barbecue Company, but says the pig is tacky and makes the area look bad. Ivey isn't about to let his \$1,100 pig get a roasting. He says he'll appeal the ruling that his pig violates the local sign ordinance. (AP)

## HEARSAY | PRIMATES

"I have never been hugged by a gorilla before. That was a first."

— JUDY PRICE  
OF GRAND ISLAND, NEB., AFTER HER BOSSES AT ZWINK STATE FARM AGENCY AND HER FIANCE CONSPIRED TO HAVE A MAN IN A GORILLA SUIT SING TO HER THURSDAY AS A VALENTINE'S DAY TREAT.



GREG PEARSON/THE TIMES/AP

## MARDI PAW

### Pets Step Out

There was none of the debauchery associated with Mardi Gras, but participants in Sunday's Mardi Paw parade in Shreveport, Ala., trudged on doggedly nonetheless. More than 2,000 people and their pets came out to enjoy a half-mile parade. The seventh annual charity event's theme was "Pets in Paradise." Despite the pets' skimpy fashions and the mixing of cats, dogs and other animals, participant Michelle Baker told the Shreveport Times the event was, for the most part, free of malfunctions — wardrobe or otherwise. (EXPRESS)

## RELATIONSHIPS

### We Love You, Too

Apparently it's not just on Valentine's Day that people manage to say, "I love you." Nearly three-quarters of Americans — not counting those who live alone — say "I love you" at least once a day, according to a new poll. And that goes for men as well as for women.

The poll, conducted in November by Chappaqua, N.Y.-based Reader's Digest and the Gallup Organization, asked 1,000 adults living in households how often they said those three little words to their spouse or children. Seventy-three percent claimed they said it once a day, including 71 percent of men and 74 percent of women. (AP)

## LITERATURE

### Bringin' On the Bard

A college drama group in Wellesley, Mass., with a soft spot for William Shakespeare began a marathon session Sunday evening to read all the legendary playwright's works in 24 hours. Unabridged. Members of the Wellesley College Shakespeare Society hope their efforts don't turn out to be "The Comedy of Errors" and instead will land them in the Guinness Book of World Records as the first to read the works in such a short amount of time. "We are going to be crazy with iambic pentameter," said Alison Buchbinder, president of the society at the all-women's college out-



PATRICIA McDONNELL/AP

side Boston. Though the exact number of works in Shakespeare's canon has been disputed, the reading will include 39 plays, 154 sonnets and at least five poems. They planned to stop at sundown on Monday. (AP)



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## In Brief

## WASHINGTON

**Panel Promises Election Improvements for States**

States can expect by mid-May to get a long-awaited \$2.3 billion in federal help to buy new voting-booth equipment and make other election improvements, the head of an electoral reform commission promised Monday. Still, millions of voters again will be using the much maligned punch cards in this fall's presidential balloting. Many of the improvements, including plans for statewide computerized voter registration data, aren't expected to be in place before 2006. (AP)

## TOLEDO, OHIO

**Construction Crane Collapse Kills 3 Traveling on Highway**

A crane collapsed Monday onto a construction site in the median at an Interstate 280 bridge over the Maumee River, crushing a tractor-trailer and killing three people, fire officials said. At least two other people were injured. The bridge south of downtown had remained open to traffic while crews started a \$277 million project to widen the span to six lanes from four. (AP)



A tractor trailer carrying a piece of roadway lies beneath the wreckage of a construction crane in Toledo on Monday. DANIEL MILLER/AP

# Kerry, Rivals Take Aim in Wisconsin

## Front-runner assails Bush; Dean deals with campaign shake-up

WAUSAU, WIS. | A confident John Kerry launched a full-throttle attack on President Bush's economic policies, mostly ignoring his Democratic rivals on the eve of the Wisconsin primary. Meanwhile, Howard Dean's campaign shed another top manager, and John Edwards vowed to press on no matter how he fares Tuesday.

Kerry, who has a commanding lead in the race to oppose Bush this fall, chided the president for taking time out Sunday to attend the Daytona 500, saying the country was bleeding jobs while he posed for a "photo opportunity." Bush donned a racing jacket to officially open NASCAR's most prestigious event in front of some 180,000 fans.

The Democratic front-runner's broadside against Bush came as the president argued anew against any rollback in the tax cuts that Congress has passed at his behest, and on a day in which Dean divulged the departure of national campaign chairman Steve Grossman.

For his part Edwards declared "there are differences" between him and his Democratic rivals and said he was confident his campaign was gaining momentum. He said he would remain in the race well into March and the Super Tuesday round of electoral face-offs.

Kerry has won all but two of the state nominating races so far this season. NEDRA PICKLER (AP)



**SIGN OF THE TIMES?** Students at North Central Technology College in Wausau, Wis., including Nathan Thums, left, add a 40-pound metal sign to the weight of polls projecting a wide lead for John Kerry in Wisconsin's primary on Tuesday. CHARLES KRUPA/AP

## Woman Denies Media Reports of Kerry Affair

NAIROBI, KENYA | A woman who has been the subject of rumors linking her to Sen. John Kerry denied Monday that she ever had an affair with the Democratic presidential candidate.

Breaking her silence four days after the allegations surfaced on the Internet, Alexandra Polier issued a statement to The Associated Press, saying, "I have never had a relationship with Senator Kerry, and the rumors in the press are completely false."

Kerry already has denied reports that he had an extramarital affair. On Monday, his campaign said he would have no further comment.

Polier's statement was released to the AP in Nairobi, where the 27-year-old freelance journalist is visiting the parents of her fiancé, Yaron Schwartzman.

Polier also took issue with reports that referred to her as a former Kerry intern. "I never interned or worked for John Kerry," she told the AP.

MATTHEW ROSENBERG (AP)

## TRAIL MIX

President Bush used a stop in Florida on Monday to draw differences between his plan to cut taxes and the proposals of Democrats, both those in D.C. and others running to replace him:

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**A WORLD OF WEDDINGS:** Hundreds of same-sex couples line up near a statue of Abraham Lincoln outside City Hall in San Francisco on Monday. City officials fanned out to preside over 10 simultaneous weddings to keep the crowd moving.

## Gay Marriage Boom in S.F.

Dozens stream in for same-sex ceremonies as legal battle brews

**SAN FRANCISCO** | Dozens of same-sex couples lined up outside City Hall in heavy rain early Monday, waiting for city offices to open so they could join more than 1,700 other gay and lesbian couples who have exchanged vows in the past few days.

Despite miserable weather and the Presidents Day holiday, many couples camped out throughout the night in advance of a pair of court hearings

scheduled for Tuesday, when two groups planned to ask a judge to block San Francisco from sanctioning any more same-sex unions.

On Monday, a cadre of city workers deputized to perform weddings simultaneously presided over 10 ceremonies at a time.

Since San Francisco officials began issuing marriage licenses to same-sex couples on Thursday, hundreds of gays and lesbians have wed — many rushing to California from across the country.

While the weddings kept City Hall offices that would normally

be closed on Presidents Day buzzing, conservative activists promised a relentless legal challenge.

San Francisco Superior Court Judge James L. Warren had ordered attorneys for the city and for a conservative group challenging the marriages to file legal briefs Monday. Last week, the Arizona-based Alliance Defense Fund sued to block same-sex unions, and Warren scheduled a hearing in the case on Tuesday. A second legal challenge, filed by a California group, also is scheduled for a hearing Tuesday.

LISA LEFF (AP)

### TRIBUTE | BUTTERFLIES



**TRAGIC ANNIVERSARY:** Two Rhode Island teens create butterflies Monday for a memorial to the 100 victims of the Feb. 20, 2003 fire at The Station nightclub in West Warwick.

## Form of Gene Therapy May Build Super Athletes

**SEATTLE** | Gene injections in rats can double muscle strength and speed, researchers have found, raising concerns that the virtually undetectable technology could be used illegally to build super athletes.

University of Pennsylvania researcher Lee Sweeney said that studies in rats show that muscle mass, strength and endurance can be increased by injections of a gene-manipulated virus that goes to muscle tissue and causes a rapid growth of cells.

Sports officials said the gene therapy has the potential of betraying the very essence of sport — athletes using their natural talents and training to compete.

It would, said Tom Murray of the Hastings Center, a research organization, be like allowing an athlete to compete in the Boston Marathon wearing roller blades.

Sweeney said because of the potential for side effects, it may be years before the therapy is ready for human trials. PAUL REGER (AP)

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# World

## Roadside Bombs Kill 2 U.S. Troops

2 Iraqis arrested;  
1 may have used cell  
phone to explode bomb

BAGHDAD, IRAQ | Roadside bombs killed two more American soldiers in Iraq Monday, bringing to 540 the number of U.S. servicemembers who have died in Iraq since the start of the war.

An American soldier was killed and four were wounded in a roadside bombing Monday in Baqouba, 35 miles northeast of Baghdad. Two Iraqis were arrested, one with a cell

phone that may have been used to detonate the bomb, an Army spokesman in Tikrit said.

The other fatal bombing occurred in the center of Baghdad, killing one soldier from the 1st Armored Division, the Army said.

Meanwhile, police arrested five Iraqis suspected in the assassination of Aquila al-Hashimi, a member of the Governing Council who was gunned down Sept. 20 in Baghdad, the Interior Ministry said. The men were arrested last week in Amarah, 180 miles south of Baghdad, officials said. ROBERT H. REID (AP)



Iraqi police lead prisoners accused in the murder of Governing Council member Aquila al-Hashimi down the stairs at Baghdad's main police academy Monday.

## In Brief

### AFGHANISTAN

#### No Plans to Delay Election Despite Report, Official Says

The Afghan government is sticking to plans to hold a national election in June despite security challenges and the slow pace of registering about 10.5 million eligible voters, said Jawed Ludin, a spokesman for President Hamid Karzai. The New York Times reported Monday that some U.S. government officials have begun suggesting that Afghanistan's elections may have to be postponed because of such concerns. (AP)

### CZECH REPUBLIC

#### WTC Architect Libeskind to Design Salvador Dali Museum

U.S. architect Daniel Libeskind, whose master plan was chosen to rebuild the World Trade Center site, plans to design a museum in Prague showcasing works by the late Spanish surrealist Salvador Dali, said Miro Smola, the main organizer of the project. Libeskind is scheduled to return to Prague to unveil a model of his design on May 11, the 100th anniversary of Dali's birth, Smolak said. (AP)

### RUSSIA

#### Vandals Scrawl Anti-Semitic Graffiti in Jewish Cemetery

Vandals defiled a Jewish cemetery in St. Petersburg, painting swastikas and anti-Semitic graffiti on about 50 graves, Jewish leaders said Monday. While the cemetery had suffered some isolated cases of vandalism before, nothing approaches the scale of the latest incident, said Mark Grubarg, head of the St. Petersburg Jewish Religious Community. Grubarg said it appeared to be an attempt to destabilize the city ahead of the March 14 presidential elections. (AP)

### AFGHANISTAN | WOMEN'S WORK



**LEADERS OF THE PACK:** One of Afghanistan's few female police officers, Capt. Gul Jan, leads a female recruit past a group of male police trainees on Monday in Kabul. Seven Afghan widows filed into Kabul's recruiting center Monday wearing full-body veils, becoming the first women since the fall of the Taliban regime to sign up as police trainees.

## Pakistan, India Begin Peace Talks

Historic effort to ease tensions between the nuclear-armed foes

ISLAMABAD, PAKISTAN | India and Pakistan held their first peace talks in 2 1/2 years Monday, praising a "new momentum" and working on a timetable to resolve decades of conflict between the nuclear-armed neighbors over Kashmir, terrorism and other issues.

As the two countries back down from the brink of their fourth war in 2002, the three-day talks are to lay the groundwork for ending a half-century of tension since their 1947 partition.

Jalil Abbas Jilani, a director-general in Pakistan's Foreign Ministry, and Arun Kumar Singh, a joint secretary in India's External Affairs Ministry, shook hands and smiled before the start of the Monday meeting.

The talks run through Wednesday, culminating in a face-to-face between the countries' foreign secretaries. ASHOK SHARMA (AP)

## Unusual Bid on Behalf of Yukos Chief

MOSCOW | One of the owners of the holding company that controls Russia's largest oil company, Yukos, is willing to offer his stock to the government in exchange for the release of Mikhail Khodorkovsky, Yukos' former chief.

"I'm ready to do anything," said Leonid Nevzlin, who is believed to own 3.5 percent of Yukos. He spoke to Associated Press Television News

in Jerusalem, where he is living in self-imposed exile.

Nevzlin cautioned, however, that he hadn't actually made "any offer to the Russian government," and the prosecutor-general's office said it hadn't received any such proposal.

Khodorkovsky, who resigned as

Yukos chief shortly after his Oct. 25 arrest on fraud and tax evasion charges, has remained in custody awaiting trial. His arrest is widely seen as a Kremlin-orchestrated attempt to curb his clout.

President Vladimir Putin has sought to present the inquiry as part of the government's anti-corruption efforts. (AP)

**Quid pro quo:** The idea appeared to be an effort to broach a possible compromise with the Kremlin, which has overseen the Yukos case | Today's Post: Section A

**WHO KNEW?** Despite concerns about players' safety, India is also set to embark on its first cricket tour of Pakistan since 1989 — a breakthrough for the two cricket-crazy nations. (AP)



Desecrated Jewish graves were daubed with Nazi swastikas at a cemetery in St. Petersburg over the weekend.



## World

# Tattler's Tales Rile French Food Bible

**'Star' system at rarefied Michelin guide isn't all that, ex-inspector says**

PARIS | Michelin's Red Guide, France's famed yardstick of where to eat, is feeling the sting of indiscretions from one of its former restaurant inspectors who is breaking the secrecy on how the gastronomy's bible awards its coveted ratings.

One of Pascal Remy's most damaging claims is that some top restaurants do not deserve their rating. "More than one-third of the three stars are not up to the expected standard," Remy told this week's *Le Figaro Magazine*, suggesting the restaurants are shielded because their chefs are too famous to be touched.

Michelin spokeswoman

Fabienne de Brebisson disputed Remy's claims. "We are totally independent," she said.

Remy also said Michelin inspectors, whom he claimed are paid roughly the same as elementary school teachers for a lonely life traveling around to taste food and visit kitchens, can't inspect restaurants regularly. De Brebisson insisted Michelin's rule is to visit all of the 4,000 establishments listed at least once every 18 months on average.

Remy claims he was fired by the guide, which has sold more than 30 million copies in its 104 years, because his superiors didn't want him to publish his diaries about his 16 years there, a contention that Michelin's de Brebisson disputes.

"He was fired for grave mistakes," she said, without elaborating. JOHN LEICESTER (AP)

## SOUTH KOREA | FREE-TRADE DISCORD



**DRENCHED:** Farmers in front of the National Assembly in Seoul are sprayed with water by police during a rally against a controversial free-trade agreement with Chile, which lawmakers endorsed Monday in a 162-71 vote. Farmers insist the pact will flood the Korean market with cheaper products.

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# Local

## Gays Gain 2 Wins In Virginia House

**Employers could give health insurance to domestic partners**

RICHMOND, VA. | Gay rights proponents scored political victories Monday in the conservative-leaning House of Delegates, which last week passed a bill reaffirming the state's ban on gay marriage.

The House narrowly passed legislation that would allow employers to offer health insurance benefits to gay partners who live together and rejected a measure seeking to make state mortgage loans available only to married heterosexuals or blood relatives.

The health insurance bill, sponsored by Delegate James Dillard (R-Fairfax County) passed 50-

49 with the support of numerous Republicans. The same legislation failed last year in committee.

Delegate Richard Black's bill to exclude same-sex and unmarried couples from Virginia Housing Development Authority loans failed to advance on a vote of 54-44.



Suit

Delegate Terrie Suit (R-Virginia Beach) said the measure would adversely affect those in greatest need of housing assistance.

She gave an impassioned speech about a black woman who was turned down for a loan because she was trying to buy a home with the mother of her boyfriend, who was in prison. JUSTIN BERGMAN (AP)

## Some Va. Kids in School on Holiday

FAIRFAX, VA. | Kids who enjoyed days off from school for snow, ice and a hurricane learned Monday there is a price to be paid. While many parents had the day off from work, the children were making up for lost time.

Fairfax and Arlington counties opened their public schools on Presidents Day, as did Alexandria.

Weather already forced Fairfax County public schools to lose five days. Consequently, students will also be in class April 2, which was supposed to be a teacher workday. Any more closings will add days to the end of the school year in June.

But the number of no-shows indicated that some people might have ignored the school day. A spot check in Fairfax showed double the number of absences for elementary and middle school kids, but only a slightly higher rate for high schoolers. (AP)

## In Brief

ANNAPOLIS, MD.

### Md. Bear Hunt Draws Debate

A hearing has been scheduled Wednesday on a bill to block Maryland's first black bear season in 50 years. "This is our last chance to stop the hunt," said Michael Markarian, president of Fund for Animals. "This is a bellwether for Maryland." Meanwhile, the Maryland Sportsmen's Association is urging its members to contact their legislators to support the hunt. (AP)

WASHINGTON

### Judge Will Hear Case Over Proposed Commuter Tax

A judge will hear arguments Tuesday in the District's lawsuit to overturn a congressional ban on imposing a commuter tax. Attorneys for the District say residents are stuck with paying higher taxes to maintain bridges and other structures used by commuters who aren't pitching in on maintenance costs. (AP)

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## Q | SINCE YOU ASKED

**Q** I am a 33-year-old husband and father of a 2-year-old. My wife and I are expecting a new baby this month.

In the last four years, we have piled up \$43,000 in credit card debt and car loans. Because I was unemployed part of last year, we have had to use credit to make ends meet and pay for unexpected expenses such as medical bills.

We also have financed furniture, appliances and a TV for the home we are renting.

I don't make enough to cover all our expenses. Thus, we go further in debt every month.

**My grandmother is inheriting \$40,000 and wants to give it to me to help out. My first instinct is to pay down our debt to reduce our monthly overhead and interest payments. But my wife and I want to buy a house of our own, which would also be a good investment. What do you think?**

**A** First, that you have a guardian angel, and second, that there is no way you two are ready to be homeowners.

You admit you were racking up debt and living without sufficient emergency funds even before you lost your job. Unless you change your spending habits, a home with all its expenses will simply drive you deeper into debt.

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LIZ PULLIAM WESTON (LOS ANGELES TIMES)

# Should Stewart Take the Stand?

## Defense attorneys weigh whether gamble will help or hurt case

NEW YORK | With the government close to resting its case against Martha Stewart, lawyers planning her defense are faced with an excruciating decision: Should they put her on the witness stand?

Attorneys not involved in the stock-fraud trial say having Stewart testify and opening her to cross-examination would be an enormous gamble, and her chief lawyer says he won't decide until he sees the government's full case. Prosecutors expect to rest Thursday.

But prosecution witnesses have exposed inconsistencies in the accounts of Stewart and her ex-stockbroker and have testified to behavior that only Stewart may be able to explain.

"The problem with not putting the client on the stand, particularly a high-profile client, is that so



Jury members might want to hear Stewart's side of the story, experts say.

often the jury wants to hear from that person," said J. Boyd Page, a white-collar crime lawyer.

"There are certainly some inconsistencies, some unusual acts, that if they can't be simply, reasonably explained can leave the jury with very much a bad impression," he said. ERIN MCCLAM (AP)

## In Brief

### WIRELESS INDUSTRY

#### Cingular Reportedly Raises Bid for AT&T to \$38 Billion

The board of AT&T Wireless met Monday after Cingular Wireless boosted its offer to \$38 billion cash for the third-largest U.S. mobile phone provider in a bidding war with Britain's Vodafone Group PLC, according to people

familiar with the talks. A deal with Cingular could slim the field of national wireless carriers from six to five. Vodafone has matched Cingular's offers in each stage of the process, two sources said, but it was unclear if Vodafone had increased its offer Monday. (AP)

### ACCOUNTING SCANDALS

#### Jury Selection Begins For Qwest Executives' Trial

Four former Qwest executives

head to federal court Tuesday for jury selection in the first criminal trial arising from probes of questionable accounting at the telecommunications company. Prosecutors say the men — charged with conspiracy and fraud — devised a scheme that allowed Qwest to improperly book \$34 million from a computer equipment sale. Prosecutors say they conspired to lie about the deal and hid the facts from then-auditor Arthur Andersen. (AP)

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## Sports

# The Empire Strikes Back With Trade

## Selig OKs deal sending Rodriguez to Yankees

**BASEBALL** | Alex Rodriguez is coming back to New York, the city he left when he was 4, and moving onto the biggest stage in town — Yankee Stadium.

Baseball's highest-paid player, and perhaps its most talented, was finally and officially dealt to the New York Yankees from Texas on Monday after commissioner Bud Selig approved the record-setting swap.

"I'm pretty excited. This is a big, big one," Yankees owner George Steinbrenner said.

Rodriguez, the first reigning MVP to be traded, will be introduced at the stadium on Tuesday.

Texas gets second baseman Alfonso Soriano and a minor league

player to be named, but it will still have to pay \$67 million of the \$179 million Rodriguez is owed over the remainder of his deal.

New York has four of baseball's eight \$100 million players, and its opening-day payroll will be six times that of some teams.

The rival Red Sox nearly acquired Rodriguez, a seven-time All-Star, in December, but that deal fell through when Boston's proposal to cut Rodriguez's salary was blocked by the players' association.

"I think Larry Lucchino is a little disappointed. He had an opportunity," Yankees president Randy Levine said, referring to the Red Sox president. RONALD BLUM (AP)



**NICE STRIPES:** Alex Rodriguez chats with the Yankees' Derek Jeter during a game in August 2001. The two will be teammates following the approval of Monday's trade.

## In Brief

### BASEBALL

#### Dodgers Hire 31-Year-Old GM

Oakland Athletics executive Paul DePodesta was hired Monday as general manager of the Los Angeles Dodgers. The hiring was the first move made by new owner Frank McCourt, who bought the team Friday from News Corp. for \$430 million, and came just two days before pitchers and catchers are scheduled report to spring training in Vero Beach, Fla. The 31-year-old DePodesta had been a top assistant at Oakland since 1998. (AP)

### SOCCER

#### Power Play: Glazer Could Buy Control of Manchester United

Tampa Bay Buccaneers owner Malcolm Glazer may try to buy control of English soccer champion Manchester United. Glazer increased his stake in the club to 16.31 percent last Thursday. In a statement to the London Stock Exchange on Monday, the Malcolm I. Glazer Family Partnership said: "As with any investment, it is considering its possible options, which may include increasing its shareholding or decreasing its shareholding in Manchester United." The team currently has a market value of \$1.38 billion. (AP)

### FOOTBALL

#### Clarett Hires Agent, Ending Chance of Return to College

Maurice Clarett has hired an agent, ending any possibility that the running back would return to college next season. Clarett's attorney, Alan Milstein, said Monday that the former Ohio State star running back was working with an agent in preparation for this week's NFL combine in Indianapolis. (AP)

### DOPING

#### U.S. Shot Put Champ Tests Positive for Designer Drug

American shot put champion Kevin Toth tested positive for the steroid THG and the stimulant modafinil at the 2003 national championships and could be suspended for two years, the U.S. Olympic Committee announced Monday.

Later Monday, agent John Nubani announced Toth was retiring, though he still plans to go through with the appeals process. (AP)



Driving in his No. 8 car, Dale Earnhardt Jr. completes a dominant weekend in Daytona Beach by winning the Hershey's Kisses 300 Busch Series race on Monday.

## Earnhardt Jr. Repeats Performance at Daytona

### Following 500 victory, driver claims another win on same racetrack

**AUTO RACING** | Dale Earnhardt Jr., who won the Daytona 500, held off a series of challenges and won the delayed Hershey's Kisses 300 Busch Series race Monday.

The race was postponed Saturday by rain after just 31 of 120 laps at Daytona International Speedway.

Asked how much rest he got Sunday night after winning NASCAR's biggest race, Earnhardt grinned and said, "A little, but it's like the guy who goes into a gas

station and buys a dollar's worth of gas, just enough to get where he needs to go."

Once he climbed into his No. 8 Chance 2 Chevrolet, a car he co-owns with stepmother Teresa Earnhardt, Junior found the energy to take the Daytona Busch race for the third straight year.

He added Monday's win to victories in the Daytona 500 on Sunday and in one of the twin 125-mile qualifying races Thursday.

On top of that, Earnhardt finished second in the Budweiser Shootout.

"I guess you'd have to say it's been a heck of a couple of weeks," Earnhardt said. MIKE HARRIS (AP)

## The Daly Show Revival

**GOLF** | John Daly always seems to show up when no one expects him.

Daly resurrected his career again Sunday in the Buick Invitational, winning a full-field tournament on U.S. soil for the first time in 10 years and capturing his first PGA Tour event since the 1995 British Open.

Even harder to predict is where he goes from here.

Daly moved up from No. 299 in the world ranking to No. 85 on Monday. He won \$864,000 — more than he earned the last two years combined — and is No. 6 on the money list.

But whenever Daly gets on track, a train wreck is just waiting to happen.

Three ex-wives. Drinking binges that led him to alcohol rehab twice. Trashed hotel rooms. But he always bounces back, which is one reason



John Daly pulled off a surprise when he won the Buick Invitational on Sunday.

he has become so beloved.

"All week they've just been unreal," Daly said of his fans. "The drunk ones, the sober ones — I love them all. And they have kept me going."

DOUG FERGUSON (AP)

### TODAY'S TV LINEUP

**PRO BASKETBALL** (8:30 p.m. on NewsChannel 8) The Washington Wizards are in Houston to face former Maryland Terrapins star Steve Francis and the Rockets.

**PRO HOCKEY** (7 p.m. on Comcast) The Washington Capitals look for their second win in a row when hosting the Ottawa Senators, who are in second

place in the Northeast division.

**MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL** (7 p.m. on ESPN) Purdue can knock Michigan State out of the Big Ten's top spot with a win.

**MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL** (9 p.m. on ESPN) Georgia, fresh off its win over Kentucky, eyes a second upset in a week when hosting Florida.



Sports

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC	W	L	PCT.	GB	LIO	CONF.
New Jersey	31	20	.608	—	10-0	22-10
New York	25	29	.463	7.5	6-4	18-15
Boston	23	31	.426	9.5	2-8	14-23
Philadelphia	22	31	.415	10	3-7	17-18
Miami	22	32	.407	10.5	4-6	15-17
Washington	16	34	.320	14.5	4-6	9-23
Orlando	13	41	.241	19.5	1-9	11-25

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT.	GB	LIO	CONF.
Indiana	39	14	.736	—	7-3	27-8
Detroit	33	21	.611	6.5	4-6	22-13
New Orleans	28	24	.538	10.5	5-5	20-15
Milwaukee	27	24	.529	11	5-5	21-12
Toronto	25	26	.490	13	5-5	15-15
Cleveland	20	33	.377	19	5-5	15-19
Atlanta	18	35	.340	21	5-5	11-20
Chicago	15	38	.283	24	3-7	13-17

WESTERN CONFERENCE

MIDWEST	W	L	PCT.	GB	LIO	CONF.
Minnesota	37	15	.712	—	7-3	17-11
San Antonio	35	18	.660	2.5	7-3	17-11
Dallas	33	19	.635	4	7-3	19-12
Memphis	30	22	.577	7	6-4	17-15
Houston	30	22	.577	7	5-5	12-16
Denver	31	23	.574	7	5-5	21-15
Utah	26	27	.491	11.5	5-5	15-19

PACIFIC	W	L	PCT.	GB	LIO	CONF.
Sacramento	37	13	.740	—	7-3	22-11
L.A. Lakers	31	19	.620	6	6-4	15-15
Seattle	25	27	.481	13	3-7	16-15
Portland	24	27	.471	13.5	7-3	12-20
Golden State	23	28	.451	14.5	6-4	14-19
L.A. Clippers	22	29	.431	15.5	4-6	11-19
Phoenix	18	37	.327	21.5	2-8	11-21

Standings through Feb. 15.

❖ **Game night:** For a complete wrap-up of Monday's action in the NHL, as well as men's and women's college basketball | [washingtonpost.com/sports](http://washingtonpost.com/sports)

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

SOUTHEAST	W	L	T	OL	PTS.	GF	GA
Tampa Bay	30	17	7	3	70	159	128
Florida	20	24	11	3	54	131	155
Atlanta	22	29	6	2	52	157	181
Carolina	17	27	11	2	47	109	145
Washington	18	32	6	2	44	138	181

ATLANTIC	W	L	T	OL	PTS.	GF	GA
Philadelphia	31	12	11	5	78	170	127
New Jersey	30	16	10	1	71	132	110
N.Y. Islanders	27	21	7	2	63	163	142
N.Y. Rangers	21	26	7	4	53	149	166
Pittsburgh	11	38	5	4	31	115	221

NORTHEAST	W	L	T	OL	PTS.	GF	GA
Toronto	31	15	9	3	74	164	142
Ottawa	31	15	7	4	73	191	125
Boston	28	14	11	6	73	151	136
Montreal	28	23	6	2	64	145	135
Buffalo	26	26	5	1	58	148	149

WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL	W	L	T	OL	PTS.	GF	GA
Detroit	32	16	8	2	74	187	138
Nashville	27	21	7	2	63	139	151
St. Louis	27	22	7	1	62	133	143
Chicago	16	30	7	5	44	132	170
Columbus	16	29	8	4	44	117	161

NORTHWEST	W	L	T	OL	PTS.	GF	GA
Colorado	32	11	10	4	78	177	126
Vancouver	31	18	7	3	72	172	136
Calgary	30	20	5	3	68	144	129
Minnesota	20	22	15	2	57	128	130
Edmonton	23	25	9	1	56	148	150

PACIFIC	W	L	T	OL	PTS.	GF	GA
San Jose	27	15	11	5	70	143	118
Dallas	27	21	10	0	64	124	129
Los Angeles	22	16	13	7	64	155	154
Phoenix	19	21	14	3	55	144	160
Anaheim	19	24	8	7	53	127	154

Standings through Feb. 15.  
One point awarded to overtime losses.

Unbeaten Teams Top Poll

Stanford, St. Joseph's move up in rankings following Duke's defeat

COLLEGE BASKETBALL | The last two undefeated teams are 1-2 in the rankings.

Stanford replaced Duke at No. 1 in The Associated Press men's college basketball poll Monday, and St. Joseph's moved up to No. 2 for the first time in nearly 40 years.

The Cardinal and the Hawks, the only undefeated teams in Division I, each rose one spot after Duke (21-2) lost to North Carolina State 78-74 Sunday night.

That ended the Blue Devils' 18-game winning streak and their four-week stay at No. 1.

After No. 3 Duke, Mississippi State (21-1) moved up two spots to fourth.

Pittsburgh, which lost to Seton Hall in double overtime and then

beat Connecticut in a showdown for first place in the Big East, dropped one place to fifth.

Gonzaga moved from seventh to sixth, tying its highest ranking. The Bulldogs were No. 6 for the last two polls of 2001-02.

North Carolina State's victory over Duke, its first win over a No. 1 team since beating North Carolina in 1998, helped the Wolfpack make the week's biggest leap, from 21st to 13th. JIM O'CONNELL (AP)

HOCKEY | SLIP UP



**GROUNDING:** A linesman falls during the third period of Monday's game at Madison Square Garden between the Ottawa Senators and New York Rangers. Two goals in the final period led the Senators to a 4-1 victory.

Women's Top 25 Features Changes At Bottom of Poll

COLLEGE BASKETBALL | The changes in The Associated Press women's basketball poll occurred at the bottom this time.

While newcomers held the final four spots Monday, Texas led a top six that remained the same, ending weeks of movement within that group.

Miami, Boston College, Oklahoma and Utah, all ranked earlier this season, joined the poll at Nos. 22 through 25. Florida, Virginia Tech, Southwest Missouri State and Arizona dropped out.

No. 1 Texas increased its lead over No. 2 Connecticut despite two close games. (AP)



**FIGHTING IRISH:** More than 400 Notre Dame alumni signed a letter to the school saying the football program needs to make significant progress next season or "a coaching change will become necessary." The letter, dated Jan. 26, was sent to Notre Dame's board of trustees. (AP)

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## Health & Fitness

# Post-Super Bowl Sloth Settles In

**FITNESS** | It must be one of the shortest sports seasons going. People who know they ought to start exercising begin a gym membership at the New Year. But after the Super Bowl, their willpower has waned.

Coincidence? Not to James Sallis. "From TVs and movies to cars, huge industries don't make money when you exercise, and they push things that make you sedentary," said Sallis, a professor of psychology at San Diego State University. "The Super Bowl is a case study in this."

Every year, about one-third of all new club members don't renew, according to the International Health, Racquet and Sportsclub Association.

"By the Super Bowl, some people are done," said Tim Rhode, owner of the Maryland Athletic Club and Wellness Center in Timonium.

Rhode's employees must check in with newbies at two-, six- and 12-week intervals to see if the members are getting the results they wanted when they started. Any member who has not visited in 21 days gets a phone call. In both cases, Rhode said, flagging members are offered "anything we can do to help them get started again."

Those who begin exercising at



Tim Rhode, owner of the Maryland Athletic Club and Wellness Center.

the start of the new year often are ambivalent to begin with because they don't know many reasons to continue to exercise, said James Prochaska, an exercise scientist at the University of Rhode Island.

The trick is to make sure the positives keep outweighing the negatives, he said. If a person continues through six months of exercise, it's pretty much a habit, Prochaska said.

So beginning exercisers should forget about football's Super Bowl and plan for baseball's All-Star game. If they can make it to July 13, they're hooked. IRA DREYFUSS (AP)

## 2 Drinks Is Too Many for Moms-to-Be

**PREGNANCY** | Just two cocktails consumed by a pregnant woman may be enough to kill some of the developing brain cells in the unborn child, leading to neurological problems that can haunt a person for life, a new study suggests.

Dr. John W. Olney, a brain researcher at Washington University in St. Louis, said his studies show that alcohol can cause

nerve cells in the developing brain to self-destruct.

And, based on animal studies, it doesn't take much alcohol to have this effect, Olney reported Friday. Two cocktails, in most women, is enough to elevate alcohol levels in the blood to 0.07 percent, he said. The animal studies show that in unborn mice this concentration is enough to kill developing brain cells.

PAUL RECER (AP)

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# Lookout

## A Painful Lesson

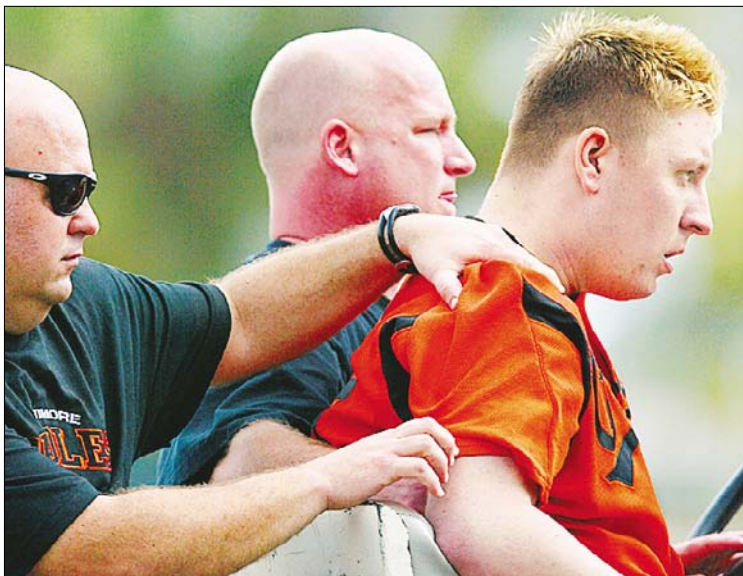
Teammates hope Bechler's death will end athletes' 'quick fix' mindset

**SPORTS** | In the year since Baltimore Orioles pitching prospect Steve Bechler died of heatstroke, many of his former teammates still can't adjust to a world without his laughter.

"He was just a fun-loving guy. I think about him all the time," second baseman Brian Roberts said. "It's surreal that he's not here."

Bechler died Feb. 17, 2003, less than 24 hours after a spring training workout sent his body temperature soaring to 108 degrees.

The Florida medical examiner who performed the autopsy said the 23-year-old had a history of borderline high blood pressure and an abnormal liver, but also contended that the drug ephedrine — the active substance in the plant



**UNTIMELY LOSS:** "It's surreal that he's not here," Oriole Brian Roberts said of former teammate Steve Bechler, right, whose death was linked to ephedra use.

ephedra — played a major role in the pitcher's death.

In an effort to quickly shed the weight he gained during the offseason, Bechler took over-the-counter diet pills containing ephedra. The drug has been banned by the NCAA, NFL and International Olympic Committee, but not by major league baseball.

It has been linked to 155 deaths and dozens of heart attacks and strokes.

Use of ephedra inside major league clubhouses virtually ceased in the wake of Bechler's death, and the Food and Drug Administration earlier this month completed its ban of the herbal stimulant.

The law requires a phase-in period, and the FDA says sale of ephedra will become illegal on April 12.

Those close to Bechler would like to believe his death might ultimately save the lives of others.

"That could be his legacy. What happened to Steve can be used as an example for everyone else in

the world," said Orioles pitcher Matt Riley, one of Bechler's closest friends. Orioles reliever Rick Bauer said, "Whether it be ephedra or steroids, there is no such thing as a quick fix. Eventually those things will hurt you, in one way or another."

When Riley, Roberts and Bauer walk onto the field at Fort Lauderdale Stadium for their first spring training workout Saturday, the thought of Bechler's collapse under the intense Florida sun likely won't be far from their minds.

"I will relive that moment for the rest of my life," Riley said.

In the days before his death, Bechler told his friends that he made a serious mistake by being out of shape when he reported to camp. He vowed it would never happen again.

"If only he could have made it through that day," Bauer said, "maybe he would have been a better athlete."

"But he never got the chance."   
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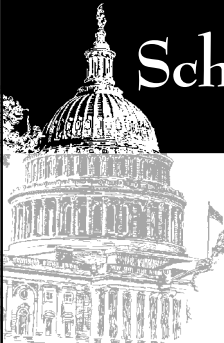
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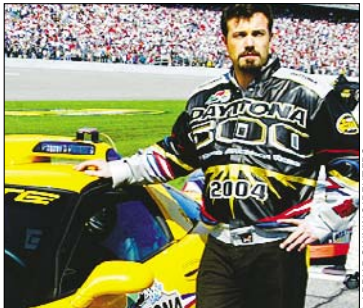


People

UPHEAVALS

Things That Go Bump

Actor **BEN AFFLECK** got the loudest ovation among the celebrities who attended the Daytona 500, but he also got some bad news. “They told me I was going to be bumped, and I was like ‘bumped? What are you talking about bumped? Who’s bumping me?’” said Affleck, who drove the pace car. “‘The President of the United States.’ OK, terrific. Guess I’m bumped then.” Affleck served as the grand marshal — even though some of his duties were given to President. (AP)



Ben was bullied by President Bush.

BOSOM

Busting Out

BEYONCE KNOWLES

drew mutterings of disapproval for her NBA All-Star game performance, for which she wore a halter dress that threatened to give way at the sides. A conservatively clad Janet Jackson watched from the sidelines. (EXPRESS)



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BUDDIES

A Fine Pair

Meanwhile, “Alias” star **JENNIFER GARNER** dispensed Scientific and Technical Achievement Academy Awards on Saturday in a dress very nearly as revealing. Hey — do you remember three weeks ago when, like, no one would have cared? (EXPRESS)

AWARDS

Scarlett Trounces Scarlett

Fantasy epic “The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King” was named best film at the British Academy Film Awards on Sunday, while “Lost in Translation” co-stars Bill Murray and **SCARLETT JOHANSSON** took the top acting honors. “Lost in Translation,” Sofia Coppola’s second feature, won three BAFTAs. In taking the best actress award, 19-year-old Johansson beat her own performance in “Girl With a Pearl Earring,” as well as Uma Thurman for “Kill Bill,” Naomi Watts for “21 Grams” and Anne Reid for “The Mother.” Johansson thanked the British Academy “for acknowledging ... a 19-year-old American actress” and then thanked her mother for “taking me to auditions and buying me hot dogs afterward.” (AP)



Scarlett Johansson looks weirdly like Kim Cattrall as she grips her BAFTA.

INSULTS

Et Tu, Triumph?

Canadian politicians are denouncing “The Late Show with Conan O’Brien” over a television sketch in which **TRIUMPH THE INSULT COMIC DOG** mocked French Canadians. In the skit that aired Thursday night,

the puppet confronted visitors to Quebec City’s Winter Carnival. For example, when one couple confirmed they were French Canadian separatists, Triumph said, “Listen closely. Hear that? It’s the sound of no one giving a,” followed by an expletive bleep. (AP)

APOLOGIA

Networks Do Nothing Right

CBS apologized Friday to American Indians angered by OutKast’s Grammy Awards performance, which featured feathers and war paint. “We are very sorry if anyone was offended,” Nancy Carr, a spokeswoman for CBS, said in Los Angeles. As the final act of Sunday’s

Grammy telecast, OutKast’s **ANDRE “3000” BENJAMIN** and several dancers swirled wildly around a green teepee as he sang “Hey Ya!” The San Francisco-based Native American Cultural Center called for a boycott of CBS, OutKast, Arista and the National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences, which sponsors the Grammys. (AP)



CBS is very sorry for these costumes.

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EXCUSES

Everyone’s a Winner Blah Blah Blah Blah

Veteran actor **KIRK DOUGLAS** says actors should take great satisfaction in being nominated for an Academy Award. “The first place gets an Oscar. The four others are declared losers,” Douglas wrote in an editorial in Monday’s Los Angeles Times. Douglas, 87, is a three-time Oscar nominee but has never won. After the 1956 awards, his family sent him an Oscar replica with the inscription “To Our Daddy, You Rate an Oscar with Us Always.” He received a lifetime achievement Oscar in 1996. (AP)



TOBY MELVILLE/REUTERS

5 Day Forecast for the Washington Area

**Today**

Becoming cloudy; a bit of snow later on  
**37°**

**Tonight**

Snow at times; a coating to an inch  
**30°**

**Wednesday**

Partly sunny; windy and chilly  
**39° / 30°**

**Thursday**

Mostly sunny and milder  
**54° / 34°**

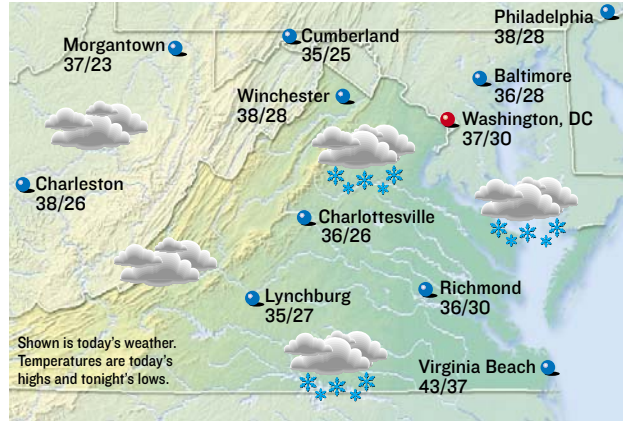
**Friday**

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**50° / 36°**

**Saturday**

Cloudy; a chance of rain and drizzle  
**50° / 36°**

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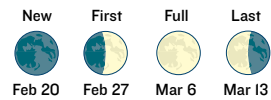
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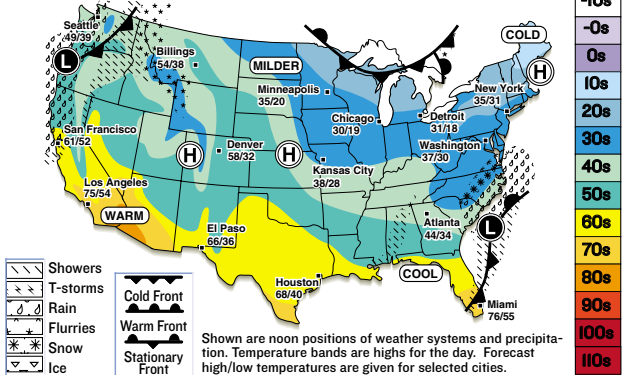
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Sunset tonight ..... 5:47 p.m.  
Moonrise today ..... 5:24 a.m.  
Moonset today ..... 2:38 p.m.



National Weather for Tuesday, February 17



National Cities

City	Today	Wed.
Atlanta	44/34/c	52/36/pc
Boston	32/26/pc	32/26/c
Chicago	30/19/pc	40/30/pc
Dallas	62/34/s	66/47/s
Denver	58/32/pc	64/34/pc
Honolulu	82/67/s	83/69/pc
Los Angeles	75/54/pc	66/51/r
Miami	76/55/pc	68/49/pc
New York City	35/31/pc	39/31/c
Orlando	68/48/c	64/44/pc
Seattle	49/39/sh	50/37/pc

World Cities

City	Today	Wed.
Amsterdam	40/34/c	39/30/c
Athens	45/30/c	45/37/s
Berlin	37/27/c	30/18/sn
Buenos Aires	79/57/s	79/55/s
Calgary	42/22/pc	40/23/pc
Dublin	48/32/pc	49/38/s
Geneva	43/25/pc	35/21/sn
Moscow	13/-5/sn	10/-7/c
Rome	50/37/s	51/37/pc
Sydney	86/69/s	85/69/pc
Tokyo	54/37/pc	46/39/s

s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

# Playback

## Letters

### TO THE EDITOR

IN FRIDAY'S PEOPLE SECTION, a blurb about singer Art Garfunkel ran below a headline, "Celebrity Gets Off Easy for Marijuana Possession." I found this headline mystifying.

It has been reported that marijuana is far less harmful than alcohol in terms of health effects, likelihood of addiction and indirect social costs.

So, for making the choice to relax with a substance other than alcohol, Garfunkel was arrested, publicly ridiculed and forced to pay a \$200 fine. I would hardly call that getting off easy.

—STEVE FOX  
Potomac, Md.

I WAS SO DISAPPOINTED with the photo on Thursday's front page showing Gen. Wesley Clark looking defeated before announcing he would drop out of the presidential race. I am a Howard Dean supporter, but I think Gen. Clark ran a courageous, focused and realistic campaign and made the decision to end his bid for the Democratic nomination with his head held high. One picture may be worth a thousand words, but this picture did not tell the right story.

—CHRISTIANE GEISLER  
Kensington, Md.

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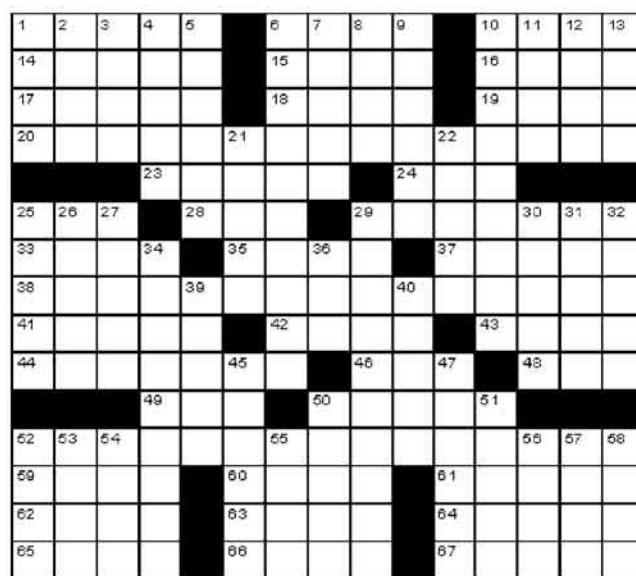
### Friday's Solution



### Crossword Puzzle: Knock Three Times | Edited by Timothy E. Parker

#### ACROSS

- 1 Fills the gas tank
- 6 Show you liked the show
- 10 Ross and Rachel's baby
- 14 Church riser
- 15 Bartender's garnish
- 16 Parmesan offering
- 17 One in a cattle drive
- 18 Theatre award
- 19 Opera set near the Nile
- 20 Item on Mel Brooks' resume
- 23 Wheel brace
- 24 One of a famous set of twins
- 25 Styron's "The Confessions of \_\_\_\_ Turner"
- 28 Ben of film
- 29 Sent a message the old-fashioned way
- 33 Much in the same vein as
- 35 Bag of pork rinds, say
- 37 Professeur's charge
- 38 Magic reporter's home, maybe
- 41 Identifiable catchphrase
- 42 Interoffice communique
- 43 Abbr. at the end of an unfinished article
- 44 Arches that go



- 46 Small drawing?
- 48 Largest U.S. employer of mathematicians
- 49 Unwelcome wind
- 50 Monterrey moolah
- 52 Patriotic time of day?
- 59 Large North American lake
- 60 Tel trailer
- 61 Thule hut

- 62 Eyesight enhancer
- 63 Not quite all
- 64 One left holding the bag
- 65 Falls behind
- 66 Half a barnyard flock
- 67 "Melrose Place" actor Rob

#### DOWN

- 1 "Hey, Mac!"
- 2 As many as
- 3 Aura

- 4 Plunders
- 5 Six-winged celestial being
- 6 Hogwarts storage facilities
- 7 Cuba \_\_\_\_ (rum drink)
- 8 Right in the thick of things
- 9 Adventurous Herman
- 10 Pertaining to the Gospel
- 11 "Count \_\_\_\_!"

- 12 Constructed
- 13 Farmer's fruit spray
- 21 Cause great emotional trauma
- 22 Bay or cove
- 25 One of the Judds
- 26 "Rubber Capital of the World"
- 27 Jousting bouts
- 29 The only ones they have to blame?
- 30 Element number 54
- 31 Levels off
- 32 Greek letter signifying change
- 34 Trait of a Dapper Dan
- 36 Buffalo to D.C. dir.
- 39 Yuletides
- 40 Causing quite the clatter
- 45 The magic word
- 47 Gordon Sumner's band
- 50 Word with rate or suspect
- 51 Audible laments
- 52 Farmer's location, in song
- 53 Length times width
- 54 The president's is west
- 55 Openly acknowledge
- 56 Surplus
- 57 There's no place like this
- 58 Motown had four of them

### The Duplex | Glenn McCoy



### Horoscope | Stella Wilder

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** — You'll have to act fast to minimize the damage from an error made early on. A quick remedy may well be best.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)** — Your understanding of certain issues may be threatened by a point of view you had never considered before. Converse and explore.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** — Be polite when introducing people, and don't let on that you're in a hurry and eager for things to progress a little faster.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** — You may have to turn down an offer of help, simply because you are interested to see if you can come through entirely on your own.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** — You should try to get back to basics — or even start over. You definitely need to get back in touch with what really keeps you going.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** — Be willing to plug away at a task, no matter how little support you may be getting. Financial rewards will come to you.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** — Your contentment is your own responsibility. It is unfair to burden a friend or loved one with the task of making you completely happy.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** — A positive attitude is essential when dealing with the young or old. Be willing, also, to accept a contradictory point of view.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)** — Any kind of cancellation — from the social to the professional — will affect you more strongly than you could possibly guess.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)** — Get a good start early in the morning and you'll be able to weather an unexpected slowdown with a little more confidence later on.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** — Someone who is only trying to be helpful may actually be getting in your way. Be firm, but tactful, in clearing your own path.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** — You may not believe that others are complimenting you when, they are. You were best to take things at face value.

### LIVE ONLINE

## Coyote Ugly

From [washingtonpost.com/liveonline](http://washingtonpost.com/liveonline)

Washington Post staff writer **JOEL ACHENBACH** was online Friday to discuss Coyote Ugly, the raunchy bar whose D.C. branch opened Thursday.

### So, how's the food?

I'm sure it's just scrumptious. But my impression is that the place doesn't want you to consume anything that would dampen the effect of the alcohol.

**Since I'm a man just past 60, I know I would be as out of place at Coyote Ugly as Britney Spears at an AARP convention. At your semi-advanced age, did you feel "at home" there?**

Did I feel at home there? Actually yes, in my house we have a bar like that and there often is dancing atop. But the music is more along the lines of '70s disco — KC and the Sunshine Band.

### Did it have the uncomfortable meat-market feel?

Some guys surely felt it had a comfortable meat—market feel.

**In a town as conservative as D.C., how long do you think a bar like this will last? Beyond that, could this signal a new wave in bars that are actually fun to go to in D.C.?**

Here's the question: Why is D.C. conservative? Is it true, or just something we say? I have no idea if Coyote Ugly will last here but I do wonder what a slow night would look like. It seems to require a critical mass.

**What is the demographic of the Coyote ladies? Are they all blond 24-year-olds?**

There were a few African-American women and Asian women in addition to the blond contingent but I'm not sure if there were any Latinas.

**What is the best way to "befriend" one of the bartenders?**

You got no chance, buddy. They can do better.

### Today on Live Online:

**2 P.M.:** James Gilmore, former governor of Virginia, discusses current Gov. Mark Warner's tax plan.

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